



Warrior Competition Message



1st Armored Division "Old Ironsides" Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Warrior Competition

It is with great respect and admiration that I welcome you to this competition. The fact that your unit selected you to represent them is a testament to your ability, dedication, and professional status as a Warrior in the 1st Armored Division and the United States Army. The Division Commander and I are proud that all of you are on the team with America's Tank Division.

I want all Warriors assembled here to know that I consider everyone a winner already. The fact that you have the courage and motivation to compete is the example of being that winner. It also shows that excellence is the standard you have set for yourselves. A standard everyone will show in the next three days of competition.

While everyone is always considered a winner just by whom they are and what they do, there is always someone who will emerge as the TOP Warrior. The competition will be tough and will require everyone to develop a tenacious attitude towards every event. This is the attitude that will make you successful.

Anyone who is willing to work hard and strive continuously to be the best they can possibly be during every event of this competition has the potential to attain the title of TOP Warrior. Self-motivation is the key to being one step ahead of everyone else and standing above the crowd. Once you get going do not stop. Always be on the lookout to do things better.

Again, you all have my respect and admiration for being Great American's in America's Tank Division. Good luck to all during the competition and may the best Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier win the respective title as the 1st Armored Division TOP Warrior for the year of 2006.

"Iron Soldiers"



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